GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:420
ANSWERED ON:27.07.2005
NON-FILLING OF SAND IN MINE PIT
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether adequate quantity of sand was not filled while closing the underground Majri Mine No. 2 under WCL leading to cracks resulting in subsidence of land at Nagar Basti;

(b) if so, the reasons for the same; and

(c) the steps taken by WCL to save the nearby Nagar Basti from a major disaster in future due to the appearance of cracks?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARINARAYANA RAO)

(a): No, Sir. As reported by Coal India Ltd., working beneath Nagar Basti is fully sand stowed and there is unlikely chance of cracks or subsidence due to mining operations. Adequate quantity of sand was filled in underground working wherever depillaring was done. Crack in question have occurred at a distance of more than 500 Metres outskirts of Nagar Basti in an area below which only development has been done and no sand stowing is required in such underground development area. No dwellings are situated over the subsided area and as such there is no danger due to subsidence to Nagar Basti.

(b) & (c): Do not arise in view of reply given to part (a) above.